Preference to Cochin for admission in the Maharaja's College.

117. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any preference was given to the Cochinites in the matter of admissions to the 1st and 3rd University Classes in the Maharaja's College;

(b) if so, whether any and what inquiries have been made as to whether the students admitted this year are *bona fide* Cochinites;

(c) whether any, and how many Cochinites were refused admission and for what reasons?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) A special column was provided in the application form to note whether the applicant was a Cochinite or not. The information furnished by the students was the only *prima facie* evidence that could be gathered.

(c) 198 Cochinites were refused admission as admissions could not be made beyond the limits fixed by the University.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Did the College authorities admit any non-Cochinites this year?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I think it is given in answer to some other question. Some were admitted to the B. A. class.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know why, when a large number of Cochinites were refused admission, non-Cochinites were admitted?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—After the admission period was over certain seats were not filled up, and there was a superfluity of seats and they were filled up by people who turned up.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Were the Cochinites who refused admission informed of the superfluity of vacancies?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—They were given sure cards and chance cards and after the period of admission was over no further information was given and these people themselves who got admission were not given information. It chanced that they got information of this.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether the minimum number allowed by the University has been admitted this year?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Not in the B. A. Class.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—How many were admitted?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I can only furnish the information later on. I want notice.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—May I know the reason why?

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Mr. I. N. Menon.—A certain number of sure cards and chance cards were issued and if those who received these cards had all of them turned up, there would have been no vacant seats. Some got admission elsewhere and they did not come here.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Was there not a waiting list of people to be admitted if the sure cards did not turn up?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Those are the chance cards.

Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Did not the authorities anticipate this contingency?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Considering the rush in past years such a contingency could not have been anticipated.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Were these seven admitted from the waiting list, selected in the order of merit?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The list was of people who had chance cards and when they did not turn up, there was a certain number of vacant seats to which these were admitted because there were no other applicants.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—How can they turn up if they were not informed of the vacancies?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The information I gathered from the Principal is that he had information that those people were admitted elsewhere.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know the names of these persons?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—May I know how many were of these waiting list with chance cards?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I want notice.

പൊയ്യ വില്ലേജ് മാസപ്പടി പക്കൽനിന്നും പണം തട്ടിപ്പറിച്ചത്.

118 മിസ്റ്റർ. ടി. കെ. നായർ.—താഴെ ചോദ്യത്തിന് ഗവ മെണ്ട് ദയവായി മറുപടി പറയുമോ?

(എ) മുകുന്ദപുരം താലൂക്ക് പൊയ്യ വില്ലേജ് മാസപ്പടി നാരായണൻനായരുടെ കയ്യിൽ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്ന സക്കാർ പണം തട്ടിപ്പറിച്ചു കൊണ്ടുപോയതായി ആക്ഷേപിയ്ക്കുകയുണ്ടായോ;

(ബ) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ തട്ടിപ്പറിച്ചത് ആരാണെന്നാണ് ആക്ഷേപം;

(സ) ഇതിനെപ്പറ്റി അന്വേഷണം നടത്തുകയുണ്ടായോ;

(ര) ആക്ഷേപം ശരിയാണോ;

(ഭ) ആരാണ് അന്വേഷിച്ചത്;

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